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HIRTH.
At 2, College Gardens, Hongkong, the wife of Capt. F. D. Goddard, Douglas S. S. Co.'s steamer *Hirth*, of a son.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 1ST, 1893.

A proposal to establish a militia force in the Straits Settlements is at present being discussed by the Singapore papers. We are unable to state how the proposal has been revived at the present time, owing to a gap in our files, but it appears that about three-and-a-half years ago the Secretary of State forwarded to Sir Charles Maitland a request that a Militia Bill should be brought in for the Colony, the Governor's reply being that it would be perhaps better to postpone that legislation for the present, as already a corps of Volunteer Artillery of European British subjects had been established, which might in the meanwhile prove an efficient contribution of aid to the garrison from the civil population. Apparently the proposal has been revived in some form or other, possibly because the Volunteer corps has not answered expectations, for although the Volunteer movement seems to have been more successful in Singapore than in Hongkong it is far from commanding the support of all the available men. If there is really any idea of introducing compulsory service in a militia force in the Straits we may take it for granted that the same policy would be applied to Hongkong. As regards this Colony we believe it would be received with extreme disfavour. The feeling, we should say, would be the same at Singapore, though it does not find unreserved expression in the local papers. Nearly twenty years ago a Militia Bill was actually drafted for the Straits Settlements and it was proposed to be made applicable to Europeans other than British subjects, the compulsory service applying to all alike, as is the case now in the Netherlands Indies militia. The Straits Times in discussing this point says:—"The British nation, for the last century at all events, has been in the habit of doing its own fighting, so that it seems doubtful whether anyone should be accepted as a British soldier, who is not a subject of Britain. Of course there is another side of the question. The English merchants and assistants would object very much to be obliged to go and drill while the Germans stayed in their garrison attending to business. That can be easily dealt with. The same Bill that created a compulsory militia for British subjects of pure European birth could create a compulsory constabulary force whose special function would be to maintain order in the town, if the troops and militia were withdrawn to the fortresses. And the drill

would be much the same." Without stopping to consider that point we may say at present there would be strong opposition both in the part of British and of foreigners, a merchant in the population, to be compelled to give their services as militiamen while the Chinese, who form the great bulk of the population, were required to make the equivalent sacrifice. The idea of raising a Chinese militia of course could not be entertained for a moment, but if the Europeans were compelled to give their services it would be only reasonable that some special tax should be levied on the Chinese or any other class exempt from personal service, such tax to be devoted to the maintenance of a permanent force of some description.

The Singapore Free Press, speaking of the Volunteers, and the principle by which the men give their services and the Government finds everything else, points out that by this arrangement the Colony has one whole gun's crew of ten Volunteer gunners for the sum which pays for one R.A. gunner. The same remark would apply to a militia force. But we do not think the Europeans would feel disposed to submit cheerfully to compulsory military service merely for the sake of saving the Colony's money. Individually they would profit very little by the saving, for after all the European contribution to the military charge is small; the bulk of it has to be paid directly or indirectly by the Chinese, their number being so much greater than that of the European community. The Straits Times urges in favour of the formation of a militia the argument that the Colony could then say to the Home Government with dignity, and, probably, with effect:—"We give, for the defence of an Imperial fortress, our personal services; we sacrifice our amusements; and, when need be, we will risk our lives, but we repeat that we cannot afford to pay the money that you seek to exact." We venture to think there are very few Europeans who would assume that attitude. On the contrary they would in nineteen cases out of twenty, if such an arrangement were permissible, be found willing to pay a substantial sum for exemption from service in the militia. The military contribution grievance would be as nothing to compulsory military service. The Singapore Free Press suggests that if a Militia Bill were passed a good opportunity would be afforded of protesting against the military contribution by resistance to the enforcement of the Bill. But to advocate resistance to the law rests very much like admission. We hope, however, no occasion for such resistance will be afforded, and that the proposal which seems to be in the air at Singapore will come to nothing.

The steamer *Cormarines* left Singapore yesterday and is due here on or about the 7th instant.

No. 2, Mountain View, was yesterday sold by auction by Mr. Hapgood and was knocked down to Dr. Noble for \$2,000.

The Hongkong and China Gas Company received dividends of 12½ per cent for the half-year ended 30th June last.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 11 p.m. on Wednesday and left again at 11 p.m. for Hongkong via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

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Jack Sampson: "Sir, I am going to ask you for the hand of my daughter. I cannot live without her." Mr. Baskerton: "No, I don't suppose you can, with your small income and expensive habits."

When the public hear of a large sum obtained for a picture by a painter artist, it is apt to be said that the money is all profit. But to depict the gallery that Mr. S. E. Waller takes the public into his confidence in the November number of the Art Journal. Large sums are frequently spent upon large pictures. For his "Morning of Agincourt" Mr. Waller had to go to France to study the background, and to hire horses and horses and men to make the scene. Much time is spent in making studies of figures, landscapes, or horseback on the spot. Then it was found necessary to get specific information out from the College of Arms and the British Museum. The picture known as "One-and-Twenty" involved journeys to make studies of Walton Hall, Notts, besides a horse of £25, as there were seven horses to be painted. The artist's bill of £1,000, which he had to go to Waller and the building, so intricate that he was obliged to employ a professional architect to put it into perspective to scale. Again, at least £15 was spent in costumes, as there were 14 figures, while the "model" for men, women and dogs was at least £35, not to speak of £30 for the frame.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 30th November.
CLOSING QUOTATIONS

ON LONDON	Telegraphic Transfer	9/4
	Bank Bills, on demand	3/4
	Bank Bills, 30 days sight	3/4
	Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	3/4
	Credits, 4 months' sight	3/4
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	4/4
ON PARIS	Bank Bills, on demand	2/4
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/2
ON GENEVA	Bank Bills, on demand	2/3
	Credits, 60 days' sight	5/4
ON BONN	Bank Bills, on demand	18/4
	Credits, 60 days' sight	18/4
ON CALCUTTA	Telegraphic transfer	18/4
	Bank Bills, on demand	18/4
ON SHANGHAI	Bank Bills, at sight	7/4
	Private, 30 days' sight	7/4
ON YOKOHAMA	On demand	1/4 p.m.
	Bank Bills, on demand	11/2 p.m.
ON MANILA	On demand	11/2 p.m.
ON SINGAPORE	On demand	1/2 p.m.
	Bank's Buying Rate	8/8
	Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per last	43

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Hanover & New China, Japan, &c.	\$125	100 per cent. prem.
Do, Founders Nat. Bank of Ch.	21/2	22, nom.
China Shares	1	1/2, 100
Brown & Co., H.G.	\$50	10, 100, 100
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	8
Chins Borrows	\$50	50, 100
Chins Success	\$100	100
Do, London	15	10, 20
Chinese Loan '96 E.	10/4	11 p. cent. pm., buyers
Dakin, Crick's & Co.	\$5	14
Dairy Farm Co.	\$40	40, 100
Fenwick & Co., Gen.	\$25	100, 100
Green Island Cement	\$35	35, 20
H. & J. Holt, Cem.	\$10	10, 20, 20
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$20	20, 20
Hongkong Electric	\$8	10, 15, 20
H. & J. Prud'Homme	\$100	60, 60, 100
H. & J. Wharf & Co.	\$20	20, 20
Hongkong Telephone	\$20	20, 20
H. & W. Wicks	\$125	80, 80
Hospital	\$50	50, 50
Austin Arms	\$50	50, 50
Longkong Hotel	\$50	50, 50
Slater	\$20	20
Castrol	\$157	157, 157
China Firs	\$20	100, buyers
China Traders	\$25	100, 100
Hongkong Fins	\$25	100, 100
North China Fins	\$20	100, 100
Shanghai Fins	\$25	100, 100
Strait Marine	\$25	60, 60
Union	\$100	100, 100
Vanguard	\$50	50, 50
Land & Building	\$50	50, 50
H. & J. L. Lamson's	\$50	50, 50
Kowloon Land	\$10	10, 10
Humphreys' Estate	\$10	10, 10
West Point Build.	\$10	10, 10
Luzon Sugar	\$100	100, 100
Mineral Oil	\$10	10, 10
Charterhouse	\$101,50	101,50, 101,50
Jobe	\$5	5, 5
Panjon	\$3	3, 3
Do, (Preference)	\$1	1, 1
East China Co.	\$100	100, 100
China & Muscle	\$20	20, 20
Douglas S. Co.	\$20	20, 20
Indo-China S. N.	\$20	20, 20
Steam Locom.	\$20	20, 20
W. & H. Wicks Co.	\$20	20, 20
Watson & Co., A. N.	\$20	20, 20
CHATER & VERNON, Share Brokers	\$20	20, 20

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER,
29th NOVEMBER, 1893.

STATION	Latitude	Longitude	Wind.	Weather.
Whidbey's Land	30°15'	98	SE	-
Tokio	30°22'	-	SE	-
Narragansett	30°15'	65	SW	-
Foodrow	30°15'	65	SW	-
Amy	30°11'	65	NE	-
Amoy	30°12'	65	NE	-
Canton	30°14'	72	N	-
Hongkong	30°10'	95	SW	-
Victoria Peak	30°12'	105	N	-
Macao	30°13'	107	N	-
Hollown	30°17'	67	NE	-
Bolton	30°27'	80	78	W
Manila	30°37'	80	71	SW
Cape S. James	29°03'	-	-	-

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A SMALL GODOWN at WANGSHAI.
Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1893. 1705

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N.0.2, "WILLISIDE" at the Park.
Apply to SPANISH PROCURATION,
Hongkong, 21st November, 1893. 1245

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UNTIL MARCH,
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
THE FIVE-STORED HOUSE, No. 5,
UPPER MONGKE TERRACE.
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Apply to LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,
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LINDON ROAD, a Six-Roomed house, with
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